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1. Japanese patent publication no. 6-188215. Corresponds to U.S. patent no. 5,099,130.

2. Japanese patent publication no. 11-354064. The relevance of this document is discussed at pages 3, 4, 8, and 9 of the specification of the present application.

3. Japanese patent publication no. 7-302568.

4. Japanese patent publication no. 2002-175771.

5. Japanese patent publication no. 6-196118.

6. Japanese patent publication no. 3-233845. The relevance of this document is discussed at pages 2 and 9 of the specification of the present application.

7. Japanese patent publication no. 3358336. The relevance of this document is discussed at pages 3 and 9 of the specification of the present application.

8. Japanese patent publication no. 2969788. The relevance of this document is discussed at page 57 of the specification of the present application.

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